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this week

Veterans Day is a postal holiday, which means that no mail will be distributed on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Since our newspaper is distributed by the United States Postal Service, The Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to publish and deliver the Veterans Day edition on Tuesday, Nov. 10, to ensure there is not a disruption in our service. Thanks for your support.

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Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana DAR to meet

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by retired U.S. Army Veteran, Cold War 1979-86, Lisa Sutter. Prospective members and

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Biden defeats Trump for the White House, says 'time to heal'

Democrat becomes the 46th president of the United States

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

Democrat Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump to become the 46th president of the United

States on Saturday, positioning himself to lead a nation gripped by a historic pandemic and a confluence of economic and social turmoil.

His victory came after more than three days of uncertainty as election officials sorted through a surge of mail-in votes that delayed processing. Biden crossed the winning threshold of 270 Electoral College votes with a win in Pennsylvania.

Trump refused to concede, threatening further legal action on ballot counting.

Biden, 77, staked his candidacy less on any distinctive political ideology than on galvanizing a broad coalition of voters around the notion that Trump posed an existential threat to American democracy. The strategy proved effective, resulting in pivotal victories in Michigan and Wisconsin as well as

Pennsylvania, one-time Democratic bastions that had flipped to Trump in 2016.

Biden's victory was a repudiation of Trump's divisive leadership and the president-elect now inherits a deeply polarized nation grappling with foundational questions of racial justice and economic fairness while in the grips of a virus that has killed more than 236,000 Americans and reshaped the

norms of everyday life.

Biden, in a statement, declared it was time for the battered nation "to unite and to heal."

"With the campaign over, it's time to put the anger and the harsh rhetoric behind us and come together as a nation," he said. "There's nothing we can't do if we do it together."

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During the past two weeks, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the city of Wabash had opened a free drive-thru clinic for COVID-19 testing.

ISDH free drive-thru testing site closes shop in Wabash

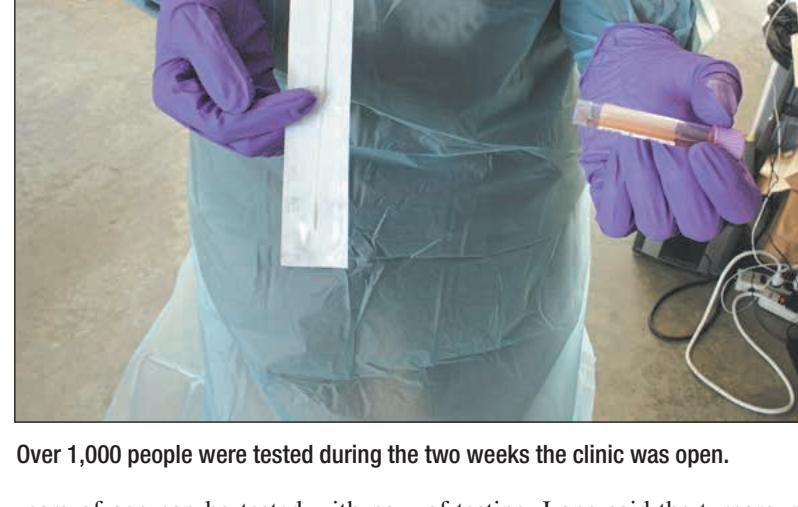
More than 1,000 people tested during the two weeks it was open

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Due to climbing local COVID-19 cases, Mayor Scott Long announced at the Monday, Oct. 26 Wabash City Council meeting that the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the city of Wabash had opened a free drive-thru clinic for COVID-19 testing.

Now, that testing clinic has closed up shop, but not before over 1,000 residents were tested.

The clinic was open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday, Oct. 27 to Saturday, Oct. 31, and also from Tuesday, Nov. 3 to Saturday, Nov. 7 at 1360 Manchester Ave. Testing was available to everyone regardless of symptoms. Children as young as 2



Over 1,000 people were tested during the two weeks the clinic was open.

years of age can be tested with parental consent. Long said Hoosiers were not charged for testing and insurance was not required.

Long said the site tested 140 people on Tuesday, Oct. 27 the first day

of testing. Long said the turnaround on these tests was between three and five days, but some were coming back within 48 to 72 hours.

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ISDH reports 14th, 15th local virus deaths

More local cancellations announced due to rise in Wabash County cases

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Since Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has reported the 14th and 15th COVID-19 deaths in Wabash County.

The ISDH reported the 14th local death Saturday and the 15th local death Monday.

During the past three days, almost 100 new local positive COVID-19 cases have been identified, and on Saturday, the local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals rose

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Trump rally planned for Thursday

'#stoptheft/ counteverylegalvote' event set for Wabash Co. Courthouse steps

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A "#stoptheft/counteverylegalvote" rally has been planned for 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 on the steps of the Wabash County Courthouse, 1 W. Hill St., according to Laura Cole.

Cole said "a great line-up is slated to speak" at the rally in support of Republican President Donald Trump.

"Wear your Trump and

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The 'Prayer Trolley' took to the streets on Saturday

The event consisted of travel across Wabash County as participants prayed

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Saturday, members of various churches and denominations from cities including Wabash, Peru, Kokomo and Goshen came together for a mobile prayer service, according to Sheila Butcher.

The "Prayer Trolley" was held aboard the new Trolley No. 85, which traveled

to locations across Wabash County as participants prayed.

"(It) was a great way to put feet to our prayers to learn the history and pray for the future," said Butcher. "We hope to encourage others to give thanks."

The event was organized by Millissa Cox and began at 9 a.m. with praise and worship.

Participants then boarded the trolley at 10 a.m., followed by testimony and fellowship at 11 a.m.

"Soup and salad (were) offered as we (met) together



Provided photo

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Wabash County Winter Banner Competition awards to be hosted virtually

Honeywell Center Clark Gallery will feature 319 banners entered in annual competitions

STAFF REPORT

The Honeywell Foundation will soon announce the 17th Annual Wabash County Winter Banner Competition, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator.

Due to the pandemic, this year's awards ceremony will

be hosted virtually at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The students' artwork will be displayed in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery until Tuesday, Dec. 1 and the virtual premiere will be available for viewing until Thursday, Dec. 31.

Following the exhibit and virtual premiere, winning banners will be displayed outdoors around the Honeywell Center. Banners from Manchester Community School students will be displayed outdoors in downtown North Manchester.

"The Winter Banner Contest, part of the Honeywell

Foundation Educational Outreach Program, provides an opportunity for students to exercise their artistic abilities to create works that may be showcased and celebrated by the community.

Participating students are encouraged to show pride and confidence in their work," said Ellis.

The Wabash County 2020 Virtual Winter Banner Contest is sponsored by the Robert and Peggy McCallen Banner Contest Endowment.

For more information, call 260-563-1102 or visit www.honeywellfoundation.org/banner-contest

lawsuits were filed by the Trump campaign in several states over the past few days.

According to the AP, judges have largely rejected the Republican challenges over the past week as the campaign sought to interrupt the vote count as it leaned toward Biden. Trump has yet to concede the election.

In July, Cole, along with Barbara Pearson, Wabash County Republican Party chair, organized a "Blue Rally" in support of law enforcement officers, also on

the Wabash County Courthouse steps. Speakers during that event also included Tim Morbitzer, pastor at Victory Christian Fellowship; Emery McClendon, a tea party organizer from Fort Wayne; Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; Wabash City Council member Terry Brewer; Rep. Dave Wolkens, R-Warsaw; Nate Gephart; Pearson; and Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill.

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guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Manchester joins 'The Year We Left Home' author for statewide virtual event

Jean Thompson, author of "The Year We Left Home," will host an online, statewide discussion Tuesday, Nov. 10, and Manchester University is including it in its Values, Ideas and the Arts (VIA) series. The hour-long Indiana Humanities event begins at 7 p.m. It is open to the public, as is MU's related book club. The free program will be online via Zoom. Register to attend at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inconversation-with-jean-thompson-registration-116010988991>

Laketon American Legion to host Veterans Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Sunset Post No. 110 will host a Veterans Day dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10140 N. Troyer Road, Laketon. All veterans are welcome to this event. The Laketon American Legion building is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays for breakfast and lunch. On Veterans Day, dinner is \$8 for non-veterans. For more information, call 260-438-0341.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beck St., North Manchester. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON VAPING PLANNED

The Wabash County YMCA and Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition have organized a virtual community conversation on vaping at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 on Facebook live. The community conversation will consist of six panelists. The panel discussion will last 60 minutes with questions to follow. Dean Gogolewski, Wabash County YMCA CEO, will be the moderator for the event. Miranda Spitznagel, tobacco prevention and cessation director at the Indiana Department of Health, will talk about e-cigarettes, smoking and COVID-19. Dr. Rafael Nunez, Parkview Wabash Hospital Pediatrician, will address "Nicotine Addiction – How It Affects the Teen Brain." Dan Gray, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition director, will discuss, "Why Point of Sale Matters." Each school district will be represented to tell what their school is doing to contain the growing epidemic of teens using the e-cigarette. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/wabashcountytobaccofreecoalition.

INDIANA 105 BRIDGE AT SALAMONIE LAKE CLOSED

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

HAWKINS FARMS KICKS OFF PIZZA FRIDAYS BENEFITING HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

LAKETON AMERICAN LEGION OPEN

The Laketon American

Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

DivorceCare begins weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, "features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery." The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash Rotary Club announces 'No Outing Golf Outing'

Wabash Rotary Club has continued its long tradition of supporting the Wabash County United Fund campaign. And although this year's golf outing was canceled, Wabash Rotary will still be supporting Wabash County United Fund (WCUF).

Community members can participate in one of two ways. They may donate any amount to the Wabash Rotary Club or they can sponsor one of three levels toward the "No Outing Golf Outing." All donations or sponsorships may be payable to the Wabash Rotary Club by mail at P.O. Box 159, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call Dr. Chris Kuhn at 260-563-8050 (option 7) or email at kuhnc@msdwk12.in.us; or call Steve Johnson at 260-563-6726 or email at steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous changes meeting locations due to COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, the local Alcoholics Anonymous groups are changing meeting locations. Al-Anon meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Sundays at 401 N. Sycamore St., North Manchester and from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. (Please use south parking lot entrance.)

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

5-Day Weather Summary



Tuesday
Chance T-storms
75 / 50



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
57 / 35



Thursday
Sunny
56 / 37



Friday
Partly Cloudy
55 / 36



Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
56 / 47

Sun and Moon

New 11/15	First 11/21	Full 11/30	Last 12/7
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 75°, humidity of 61%. South wind 10 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 50°. Southwest wind 7 to 16 mph.

Living Well in Wabash County honors veterans for their service

The 2020 Salute to Veterans may be viewed at Living Well Downtown

STAFF REPORT

in the heart of downtown Wabash, according to Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County.

The 2020 Salute to Veterans may be viewed at Living Well Downtown, 35 E. Market St.

Ferry said over the last 15 years, Living Well in Wabash County has collected and displayed photographs of U.S. veterans with connections to Wabash County, such as being a relative of a resident.

"The display grows each year," said Ferry.

Ferry said Living Well in Wabash County invites veterans or their family members to submit a photo-

graph, including name and service dates.

They do not have to be residents of Wabash County.

Call the Senior Services Team at Living Well Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475 to submit photos.

The team will make a photocopy of the photo for the display and return the original. There are about 135 photos.

"The tradition started with seniors submitting pictures to be displayed inside Winchester Senior Center which remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Ferry.

BMV announces Veterans Day closure

Branches resume regularly scheduled business hours on Thursday, Nov. 12

STAFF REPORT

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches

scheduled business hours on Thursday, Nov. 12.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit IN.gov/BMV.



Participants prayed over those with influence over the community, with stops at the Wabash County Courthouse, Wabash County Judicial Center, Wabash County Farm, Common Ground Prayer House and Parkview Wabash Hospital, among other locations.

TROLLEY

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with the testimony of the work of our Lord within this community," said Cox.

Butcher said they prayed over those with influence over the community, with stops at the Wabash County Courthouse, Wabash County Farm, Common Ground Prayer House and Parkview Wabash Hospital, among other locations.

Butcher said they prayed for governmental workers, the courts, law enforcement, 911 response teams, military, medical staff, nursing home staff and patients, churches, schools, parks,

the Honeywell Center, businesses and industries.

Butcher said Heather Allen spoke about local history during the event.

Butcher said all donations were placed toward the rental fee of the trolley.

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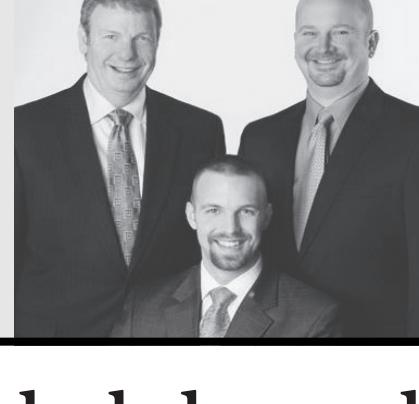
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Clarence E. 'Sonny' Houser

Clarence E. "Sonny" Houser, 85, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on November 7, 2020 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester, Indiana.

The loving memory of Sonny Houser will be forever cherished by his wife, Barbara Houser, North Manchester, Indiana; daughter, Gina (James "Jimm") Finch,

New Port Richey, Florida; sister, Juana S. (Stanley) House, South Bend, Indiana; and grandson, Lane Hyden. Sonny was preceded in death by his parents and three dogs that he loved dearly, Sandy, Cindy, and Annie.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Austin Lee Morris

May 2, 1994 - Nov 8, 2020

Austin Lee Morris, 26, Peru, Indiana, passed away November 8, 2020. Austin was born in Peru, Indiana, on May 2, 1994 to Donald Morris and Susie Spriggs.

Austin Lee Morris will be forever cherished by his father, Donald (Heidi) Morris; mother, Susie Spriggs; brothers, John Morris, Christopher Nance, and Braxton Morris;

sisters, Cassandra (Austin) Coram and Ashton Morris.

Family and friends may call Wednesday, November 11, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Betty Lou Heckard Lisby

Oct 4, 1938 - Nov 6, 2020

Betty Lou Heckard Lisby, 82, North Manchester, passed away November 6, 2020. Betty was born to Kenneth and Fern (Clifton) Stanley on October 4, 1938 in Sweetser, Indiana.

Betty Lisby is survived by her son, Adam (Karla) Heckard; daughter, Twana (Donald) Fierstos; step-son, Richard (Heidi) Lisby; sisters, Janet Ravencroft and Wanda

(Harlan) Haisley; grandchildren, Chasity Hope, and Brad Mosier.

A graveside service will be held Friday, November 13, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Wabash Friends Cemetery, 3664 County Road 300 South, Wabash, Indiana. Pastor Jacob Good will officiate.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Notre Dame mandates virus testing after big football celebration on middle of the field

Irish football team upset No. 1 Clemson in double overtime on Saturday, and then chaos on the field

By CASEY SMITH
 Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — University of Notre Dame students are now subject to mandatory coronavirus testing and face strict penalties if they leave town before getting their test results after thousands of fans stormed the football field and threw parties to celebrate a double-overtime upset over Clemson.

The mass of students, players and coaches crammed close together on the field in the minutes following the Fighting Irish's 47-40 win Saturday night in South Bend, Indiana, over then-No. 1 Clemson. Many were not wearing masks or had them pulled down.

All Notre Dame students are required to undergo coronavirus testing before they leave South Bend for the extended winter break, Notre Dame President the Rev. John Jenkins told students in an email Sunday night. Jenkins didn't specifically reference the storming of the field, but rather "many gatherings" over the weekend.

If a student is exposed or tests positive, they will be required to quarantine on campus for two weeks. If students don't complete the mandatory coronavirus test — or if they leave before they receive their test results — they will be prevented from registering for classes, university officials said.

The campus has also

introduced a zero-tolerance rule for gatherings that do not follow safety guidelines. Any student hosting a large gathering will face "severe sanctions."

"As exciting as last night's victory against Clemson was, it was very disappointing to see evidence of widespread disregard of our health protocols at many gatherings over the weekend," Jenkins said in his letter. In addition to the game, numerous parties were held across campus.

Following the win, Notre Dame moved up two spots to No. 2 in The Associated Press college football poll, while Clemson dropped to No. 4.

The celebration came just two days after Jenkins released a video warning students about spikes in COVID-19 cases on campus and imploring them to redouble their efforts to follow safety measures. Notre Dame reported 24 new COVID-19 cases on Friday, with 220 active cases overall. The university has reported 1,355 positive cases since the start of the fall semester.

Jenkins has come under criticism in recent weeks after he failed to wear a mask at a White House Rose Garden ceremony at which President Donald Trump introduced Amy Coney Barrett as his nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. Jenkins, who tested positive for COVID-19 days later, shook hands and sat shoulder-to-shoulder with others at the event.

Jenkins later apologized, admitting he had "failed to lead by example." Notre Dame's Faculty Senate formally expressed disappointment in his actions in a resolution passed Thursday.

Alex Trebek brought consensus, class to a nation in need of both

Jeopardy! host died on Sunday at 80

By ANDREW DALTON
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a politically torn, culturally divided and socially splintered America, there was one thing nearly everyone could agree on: Alex Trebek was awesome.

For 36 years, the "Jeopardy!" host was a figure of consensus in an era that increasingly lacked it, and died at the end of an election week when those divisions were in full force.

At at time when emotions, opinions and personal details feel like they're at the center of every broadcast, post and podcast, the exceedingly Canadian Trebek held them all in check, instead valuing formality and factuality, dignity and decorum.

He was surprisingly frank with fans about his nearly two-year struggle with pancreatic cancer before his death Sunday at his home in Los Angeles at age 80. But he gave health updates in a series of polite and formal videos that were typically Trebek, speaking calmly, directly and frankly about the disease and his gratitude for the support he was getting.

Six nights a week for 36 years, after the evening news and before the firebrands of primetime cable opinion shows, Trebek brought together liberals and conservatives, city dwellers and rural folk, grandparents and grandchildren for a half-hour of brainy exercise.

His style was all facts with a touch of fun, and no politics, religion or opinion, unless they came in the form

of a question in the course of the quiz show.

"I have a family with a, let's say, wildly diverse set of political beliefs," NBC News reporter Ben Collins said on Twitter after Trebek's death. "Everybody in my life loves Alex Trebek. Everybody. What a life."

With his flawless delivery of clues about Shakespeare, chemistry and world capitals, he allowed families to geek out with him, and each other.

"Growing up, he made me feel like my nerdiness was valuable and I loved learning from watching Jeopardy," TV personality and author Padma Lakshmi said on Twitter, one of scores of people paying tribute to Trebek. "It was our family's nightly pleasure."

Trebek himself came in the form of a question.

He revealed next-to-nothing about his private life, emotions or opinions.

That sense of mystery surrounding him was part of his appeal. He was the composed college professor whose students endlessly speculated about what he was like when class was over.

There were beloved game show hosts before Trebek, but the job for decades had cultural connotations of a smarmy talking head or a clownish emcee.

Trebek gave the role a gravitas, and a virtuosity, that didn't seem possible before him.

"Alex was the Sinatra of our business," Wink Martindale, a longtime host of several games shows, said in a statement. "The word class defined him. In my view, there will never be another with such multiple talents."

Trebek was more a ma-

estro than an emcee, conducting the high-tempo symphony of "Jeopardy!," elegantly squeezing a world's worth of trivia into the 13 minutes of game time in each episode.

He was a more typical figure earlier in his career, a swinging, mustachioed man's man who owned race horses rolled on TV's "Celebrity Bowling," and hosted several game shows including "High Rollers" and "Battlestars."

But when he settled into the sole role of hosting "Jeopardy!," the most serious, intellectual and high-brow of game shows, it helped forge him into the high-class figure of class he became. He would win five Emmys and a prestigious Peabody Award, a prize usually reserved for serious TV news personalities.

He shaved his signature mustache in 2001, and increasingly became a warm, grandfatherly figure for viewers.

He wasn't all warmth, though. Viewers loved it when he showed his sharper edges.

Some thought he showed a bit of funny condescension when he explained the correct answer to a wrong contestant — though he insisted he never knew all the answers — or when he gave a "good for you!" to contestants who shared especially banal personal stories during the mid-show chat break.

And his formality made him fodder for comedy.

Will Ferrell on "Saturday Night Live" played Trebek as a composed man who was constantly having his patience driven to the limit by impossible contestants, especially Sean Connery, on "Celebrity Jeopardy!" (The

real Connery died just over a week before Trebek.)

In the social media era, Trebek became the subject of many a viral video.

One compiled his stiff attempts at showing a bit of rhythm and soul when reading the rap lyrics that came in Jeopardy clues.

Another was a supercut of him saying the word "genre," with impeccable French pronunciation. (Trebek's mother was French-Canadian.)

When the word came up in a subsequent show, Trebek added a "yes, I said it," as if to tell viewers, "I know what you're all saying about me when you think I'm not listening."

He usually was savvy enough to be in on the joke.

In a famous exchange during the original run of the show's greatest champion, Ken Jennings, Trebek delivered a clue:

"This term for a long-handled gardening tool can also mean an immoral pleasure seeker."

Jennings responded, "What is a hoe?"

As the audience began to titter, Trebek told Jennings, "Whoa. Whoa. Whoa. They teach you that in school in Utah, huh?"

Trebek immediately snapped back into the show's rhythm, as he always did, as another contestant gave the correct response, "What is a rake?"

Everyone agrees Trebek is irreplaceable. The show has given no indication of any host plans, and has not used guest hosts during Trebek's illness. Viewers will get a good bit more Trebek through episodes he has already taped, and through well over three decades of reruns.

California wine country adapting to annual wildfire threat, as danger is not going away

By DAISY NGUYEN

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Harvest season in Northern California's wine country is what dream weddings are made of: ripe grapevines and golden sunsets provide ceremonies an alluring backdrop that every year draws millions of visitors.

But harvest season now overlaps with fire season as wildfires, too, have become a yearly reality in the region.

In three of the past four years, major wildfires driven by a changing climate have devastated parts of the world-famous region, leaving little doubt that it's vulnerable to smoke, flames and blackouts in the fall.

Last month, firefighters were still mopping up a blaze that took a disastrous toll in Napa Valley when the region was put on edge again by hot, dry and windy weather. Thousands were without power when Pacific Gas & Electric utility cut off service to prevent the winds from downing lines and sparking another inferno.

After seeing news images of burning wineries and people fleeing their homes, Ash Mintern decided to postpone a romantic getaway to wine country from Tampa, Florida to propose to his girlfriend.

"When I saw that people

were evacuating out of the area, I didn't want to take a risk," Mintern said.

With visitors like Mintern second-guessing their plans to visit the region, locals dependent on the tourist economy are rethinking their marketing plans.

"If the fires make major news every year, it's going to keep people from wanting to make long-term plans to vacation here," said Bob McClenahan, a photographer who lost all his wedding gigs this year.

The coronavirus pandemic was already hurting Napa and Sonoma counties' hospitality industry by halting wine tastings and large gatherings of any kind.

Closed wineries quickly pivoted to hosting virtual tastings and promoting wine clubs. The region started to slowly recover in late spring when restaurants and wineries reopened to outdoor drinking and dining. But in August, a series of lightning storms sparked wildfires west of Sonoma County and east of Napa, blanketing the region in thick smoke.

Then on Sept. 27, a small fire that began near the town of St. Helena was quickly pushed by winds across Napa Valley's verdant hills, burning down to the valley floor and consuming hundreds of homes before making its way to Sonoma County.

The two fires followed

devastating wildfires last year and in 2017.

Lost or damaged in the blaze were some of the area's most iconic names: Meadowood, the Michelin-starred restaurant famous for its garden-to-table cuisine, was leveled except for its staircase and fireplaces. The flames devoured a farmhouse behind Castello di Amorosa, a winery that resembles a medieval castle, and destroyed more than 100,000 bottles of wines.

"I've been in the wine business for 48 years and this is by far the most catastrophic, devastating, most horrible year," said Amorosa's owner Dario Sattui.

Still, the majority of vineyards, winemaking facilities and tasting rooms that attract wine lovers to Northern California have escaped damage, but the perception of the area in flames threatens business across the region.

That has led state tourism officials to fund a study looking at how the threat of fires affects consumer perception and behavior. Some are refashioning the spring as their peak season.

"When people see these dramatic pictures of wineries burning, they imagine that an entire region is destroyed and in ashes," said David Pearson, manager of the luxury Meadowood resort, whose owners plan to rebuild what was burned by

the fire.

Scientists say warmer temperatures and a lack of rain are leaving plants and trees more flammable, creating the conditions for wildfires to grow quickly and burn with more intensity. California's fire season has been starting earlier and ending later.

This year's unprecedented season began with the lightning siege. So far, about 9,000 wildfires scorched a record 4.1 million acres. More than 10,000 structures have been destroyed or damaged, and there have been 31 fire-related fatalities.

While it's too soon to quantify the 2020 wildfires' long-term effects, the study will try to assess whether they've shaped people's decision to visit the state, said Caroline Beteta, president and CEO of Visit California. The nonprofit will select a research partner in the coming weeks.

"Wildfires have long been a fact of life in the American West," she said. "While fires may be worrisome, they do not cancel everything California has to offer its residents and visitors."

For now, strong hotel occupancy rates after previous fires suggest tourism will bounce back. Two luxury hotel chains are opening in the region, while several others are seeking permits to develop resorts.

Indiana virus hospitalizations are near 2,200, new state high

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's hospitals were treating the largest number of COVID-19 patients on Sunday since the state began releasing public reports on coronavirus hospitalizations last spring, early in the pandemic, state health officials said.

On the seventh straight day of record-setting coronavirus hospitalizations, Indiana hospitals were treating 2,174 patients with COVID-19, the Indiana State Department of Health said Monday in its daily

statistics update.

The new hospitalization numbers marked an 84 percent jump in Indiana's COVID-19 patients during the past month, the data show.

The state agency also reported another 4,213 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, bringing Indiana's seven-day rolling average for newly confirmed coronavirus cases to 4,212. That is up more than 214 percent from a month ago and has continued rising to new highs that the state has

seen during the pandemic.

The health department also added 34 more coronavirus-related deaths to Indiana's pandemic toll, raising it to 4,644, including confirmed and presumed coronavirus infections.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box said Wednesday that hospitals and healthcare workers in Indiana are swamped, "needing support now more than ever." Staffing issues continue to be the greatest challenge, Box said.

protester, and prayed.

Americans showed deep interest in the presidential race. A record 103 million voted early this year, opting to avoid waiting in long lines at polling locations during a pandemic. With counting continuing in some states, Biden had already received more than 74 million votes, more than any presidential candidate before him.

Trump's refusal to concede has no legal implications. But it could add to the incoming administration's challenge of bringing the country together after a bitter election.

Throughout the campaign, Trump repeatedly refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power, arguing without evidence that the election could be marred by fraud. The nation has a long history of presidential candidates peacefully accepting the outcome of elections, dating back to 1800, when John Adams conceded to his rival Thomas Jefferson.

It was Biden's native Pennsylvania that put him over the top, the state he invoked throughout the campaign to connect with working class voters. He also won Nevada on Saturday pushing his total to 290 Electoral College votes.

Biden received congratulations from dozens of world leaders, and his former boss, President Barack Obama, saluted him in a statement, declaring the nation was "fortunate that Joe's got what it takes to be President and already carries himself that way."

Republicans on Capitol Hill were giving Trump and his campaign space to consider all their legal options. It was a precarious balance for Trump's allies as they try to be supportive of the president — and avoid risking further fallout — but face the reality of the vote count.

On Saturday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had not yet made any public statements — either congratulating Biden or joining Trump's complaints.

But retiring GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who is close to McConnell, said, "After counting every valid vote and allowing courts to resolve disputes, it is important to respect and promptly accept the result."

More than 236,000 Americans have died during the coronavirus pandemic, nearly 10 million have been infected and millions of jobs have been lost. The final days of the campaign played out against a surge in confirmed cases in nearly every state, including battlegrounds such as Wisconsin that swung to Biden.

The pandemic will soon be Biden's to tame, and he campaigned pledging a big government response, akin to what Franklin D. Roosevelt oversaw with the New Deal during the Depression of the 1930s. But Senate Republicans fought back several Democratic challengers and looked to retain a fragile majority that could serve as a check on such Biden ambition.

The 2020 campaign was a referendum on Trump's handling of the pandemic, which has shuttered schools across the nation, disrupted businesses and raised questions about the feasibility of family gatherings heading into the holidays.

The fast spread of the virus transformed political rallies from standard

campaign fare to gatherings that were potential public health emergencies. It also contributed to an unprecedented shift to voting early and by mail and prompted Biden to dramatically scale back his travel and events to comply with restrictions.

The president defied calls for caution and ultimately contracted the disease himself.

Trump was saddled throughout the year by negative assessments from the public of his handling of the pandemic. There was another COVID-19 outbreak in the White House this week, which sickened his chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Biden also drew a sharp contrast to Trump through a summer of unrest over the police killings of Black Americans including Breonna Taylor in Kentucky and George Floyd in Minneapolis. Their deaths sparked the largest racial protest movement since the civil rights era. Biden responded by acknowledging the racism that pervades American life, while Trump emphasized his support of police and pivoted to a "law and order" message that resonated with his largely white base.

The third president to be impeached, though acquitted in the Senate, Trump will leave office having left an indelible imprint in a tenure defined by the shattering of White House norms and a day-to-day whirlwind of turnover, partisan divide and Twitter blasts.

Trump's team has filed a smattering of lawsuits in battleground states, some of which were immediately rebuffed by judges. His personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, was holding a news conference in Philadelphia threatening more legal action when the race was called.

Biden, born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and raised in Delaware, was one of the youngest candidates ever elected to the Senate. Before he took office, his wife and daughter were killed, and his two sons badly injured in a 1972 car crash.

Commuting every night on a train from Washington back to Wilmington, Biden fashioned an everyman political persona to go along with powerful Senate positions, including chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Foreign Relations Committees. Some aspects of his record drew critical scrutiny from fellow Democrats, including his support for the 1994 crime bill, his vote for the 2003 Iraq War and his management of the Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court hearings.

Biden's 1988 presidential campaign was done in by plagiarism allegations, and his next bid in 2008 ended quietly. But later that year, he was tapped to be Barack Obama's running mate and he became an influential vice president, steering the administration's outreach to both Capitol Hill and Iraq.

While his reputation was burnished by his time in office and his deep friendship with Obama, Biden stood aside for Clinton and opted not to run in 2016 after his adult son Beau died of brain cancer the year before.

Trump's tenure pushed Biden to make one more run as he declared that "the very soul of the nation is at stake."

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DEATHS

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above 20 percent.

Meanwhile, more local cancellations were announced due to the continued rise in Wabash County cases.

Local cancellations

On Friday, Mitch Figert, CEO of the Wabash County Museum, announced the facility's temporary closure beginning through at least Saturday, Nov. 21. Figert said for those wanting to research the temporary closure a couple of options are available including the ability to access over 7,000 images as part of the Museum's digital collection. For more info, visit wabashmuseum.pastperfectonline.com or email archives@wabashmuseum.org or info@wabashmuseum.org.

The individually reported MCS cases include:

(WHS) reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbors Elementary School reported fewer than five total teacher positive cases.

On the Manchester Community Schools' (MCS) own dashboard the information is updated once contact tracing is complete and all close contacts have been notified. MCS defines close contact is when an individual is within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone with confirmed COVID-19.

"The Wabash County Health Department determined close contacts in conjunction with school personnel and advised us who to quarantine," stated MCS.

The individually reported MCS cases include:

■ Sept. 28: One case each at MES and MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Oct. 10: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 14: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 15: One case at MES, with five people quarantined. And one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 16: One case at MHS, with 34 people quarantined.

■ Oct. 20: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Oct. 21: One case at MIS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 28: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Nov. 2: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 3: Two cases at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MIS with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 5: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 6: One case at MES, and one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 8: One case at MCS Transportation, with one person quarantined.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 3, the school had conducted 181 tests during the past seven days, with 95.6 percent of those being negative and 4.4 percent being positive. In total, there had been 1,866 tests performed, with 98.2 percent of those being negative, and 1.8 percent being positive.

Statewide, 353 schools reported no cases, 1,589 reported one or more case and 424 have not reported.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported 11 total student positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate Schools (MIS) reported fewer than five total student positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five total student positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported nine total student positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School reported fewer than five total student positive cases.

■ Emmanuel Christian School has not yet responded to a request for comment.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Local figures

On Saturday, the ISDH reported 38 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 757, with 7,413 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 10.2 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 21.1 percent.

On Sunday, the ISDH reported 36 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 793, with 7,505 tests. The local seven-day positivity

rating for all tests was 8.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 15.5 percent.

On Monday, the ISDH reported 24 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 817, with 7,611 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 14.1 percent.

As of Monday, the ISDH reported the following Wabash County demographics for positive cases by age group:

■ Ages 0 to 19: 12.6 percent

■ Ages 20 to 29: 15.2 percent

■ Ages 30 to 39: 12.9 percent

■ Ages 40 to 49: 13 percent

■ Ages 50 to 59: 11.9 percent

■ Ages 60 to 69: 14.8 percent

■ Ages 70 to 79: 9.9 percent

■ Ages 80 and above: 9.8 percent

The ISDH reported the following gender breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

■ Female: 58.6 percent

■ Male: 40.9 percent

■ Unknown: 5.5 percent

The ISDH reported the following racial breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

■ White: 82 percent

■ Other race: 6.9 percent

■ Black or African American: .7 percent

■ Asian: .4 percent

■ Unknown: 10 percent

The ISDH reported the following ethnic breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

■ Not Hispanic or Latino: 72.6 percent

■ Hispanic or Latino: 2.3 percent

■ Unknown: 25.1 percent

Statewide figures

On Monday, the ISDH announced that 4,213 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 214,509 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 4,418 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 34 from the previous day. Another 246 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 1,823,029 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,809,940 on Sunday. A total of 3,239,034 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

The ISDH will offer free drive-thru clinics at the following locations this week:

■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at the Corner of Franklin and 16th streets, Tell City.

■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Lake County Health Department, 2900 W. 93rd Ave., Crown Point.

■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Rising Sun Church of Christ, 315 N. High St., Rising Sun.

■ From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds, 11261 Highway 50 W., Bedford.

For complete details, or to find other testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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TESTING

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On Monday, Nov. 2, Jennifer O'Malley, deputy chief of staff and Office of Public Affairs director for the ISDH, said a total of 378 people were tested at the Wabash drive-thru site between Tuesday, Oct. 27 and

Thursday, Oct. 29.

"Among the four drive-thrus the state offered last week, that is second only to Lake County, which saw 776 people tested during the same period," said O'Malley.

On Monday, Nov. 9, Megan Wade-Taxter, ISDH media relations coordinator, said a total of 676 people were tested at the Wabash

site between Tuesday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 7.

Despite repeated requests of O'Malley and Wade-Taxter, no additional information was given as to whether another such free drive-thru testing clinic would be available again in Wabash.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Condo community feels effects of stress during the pandemic

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own a condo in a building with 22 units. Because of COVID, one of the HOA board members has posted signs stating "rules" throughout the building. The rules are typical for these trying times, but the number of signs is obsessive. Many of the residents dislike the signs, but my husband was the one who wrote a nasty letter to the HOA about how many are posted.

The board member who was responsible for posting the signs was a friend of mine. Her feelings were hurt, and she has made some snide remarks about the letter. A group of women meet weekly for happy hour, and she and I are both part of that group. I feel caught in the middle. My husband has had a hard time getting over being mad about the signs, and I know the HOA member is angry at him. I just want to go to happy hour and drink and gossip. Why can't we all just get along? — In The Middle

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: We are living in trying times, and many people — your husband included — aren't their better selves right now. The HOA board was fulfilling its obligation to the community by posting health and safety signs. They are meant to educate not only homeowners but also visitors to the building, but too often they tend to become like "wallpaper" and are ignored. You are not caught in the middle. Your husband owes that woman an apology for getting snarky. But it probably won't happen unless you insist upon it. (If it doesn't, you can always do it "for" him the next time you all meet for happy hour.)

DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful man who was 14 years older who treated me like I have never been treated before. He opened doors for me, took me on actual dates, paid for things, met all my friends and family, and took me on my first vacation at 39 years old. He was very cuddly and such a gentleman. He even introduced himself as my "boyfriend" to some of my friends.

Seven months ago, we had our first argument and he asked me how I felt about him. I said I loved him and he returned with, "I like you a lot." He said he didn't feel as strongly as I did and doesn't want a relationship.

When we broke up shortly after, he said he wanted to be friends. But he still called and invited me over for sex regularly for the next six weeks. I was very hurt, but I finally cut ties because emotionally I couldn't handle it. He still wants to be friends but I cannot. He still will do anything for me and wants the benefits of being together without the labels.

It has been more than two months and I'm heartbroken. If I call him, he answers and talks like we are the best of friends, and it kills me. How do I get over him? Is it worth trying to see if we will work out? — Broken In Utah

DEAR BROKEN: This "gentleman" made clear that his feelings for you are not as strong as those you have for him. You are involved with someone who is honest about wanting nothing more than the status quo. If you're willing to settle for being only FWB — which, I suspect, you have too much intelligence and self-esteem to do — go along with what he's offering (which is very little). But if you do, know full well that it won't "work out."

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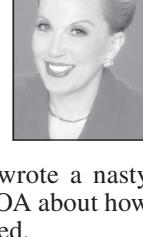
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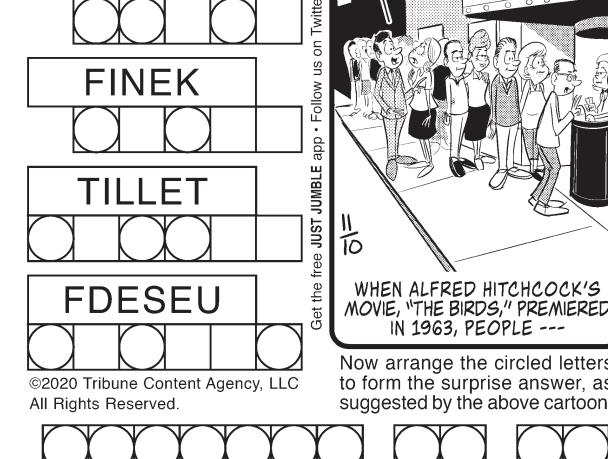
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Saturday's Jumbles: CLOTH LEAKY SPEEDY LOUNGE

Answer: Elvis Presley's 1957 hit song had some people — ALL SHOOK UP

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Before destruction a man's

heart is haughty, but humili-

ation comes before honor.

Proverbs 18:12

Biden has an opportunity to lead

With the vote-counting now nearing its end, the results of this election were close but they were also clear. Democrat Joe Biden accomplished what only three other people have done since the age of FDR: He defeated a sitting president's bid for a second term in office. And with that victory, Biden will have the right to drive much of America's policy and politics for at least the next four years.

It seems equally clear that the formula for Joe Biden's successful campaign was as simple as it was straightforward. He won his party's nomination by presenting himself as a common-sense Democrat who wasn't running on some of the more extreme proposals of the left. He ran as a man interested in national unity and in restoring a modicum of civility to our civic discussions. Biden has a verbose style, but he also didn't make any single policy goal the centerpiece of his campaign. That leaves him a lot of flexibility as he takes office and lays out an agenda for the coming year.

In our view, the campaign and election results leave Biden with less of a mandate than some might now claim, and more of an opportunity than many might realize.

Joe Biden will become president in the wake of a raucous and divisive national election that saw a record number of voters cast ballots but that nonetheless did not deliver a massive electoral victory for either major party. Republicans gained seats in the House and may hold

onto enough seats in the Senate – pending runoff elections in Georgia – to retain control of one of the two houses of Congress. And the presidential election contest was close enough to leave the country waiting days for results from a half-dozen swing states.

All of that demonstrates that there isn't a consensus in this country for the policies emanating from the extreme edges of our politics. Rather, we'd argue, there is an opportunity for the next president to forge consensus about important if also fact-based policy approaches. If Biden seizes that opportunity, he'll find that even with a divided Congress, he'll put significant legislative reforms within striking distance and may even win enduring legislative victories. He'd also do a lot toward healing the partisan divide that has defined our politics for too long.

Much has been made in the past few days that George W. Bush had less of a mandate after the 2000 election than Biden has now, but he nonetheless offered strong leadership. But if the example is used to justify ramming significant policy goals through our political system, we will have learned the wrong lessons from that recent political history.

A fair review of that period shows signature initiatives winning meaningful bipartisan support. No Child Left Behind passed the House with a vote of 381-41 and sailed through the Senate on a vote of 87-10. The 2001 tax reform passed the House with 13 Democratic votes and the

Senate with a dozen Democratic votes. The president's approach to politics then was decisive but also inclusive. He established clear goals and was successful at rallying others to them, something that laid the groundwork for national unity after 9/11.

If Biden follows that model now, Texas could fare well. The new administration would set aside any designs to move against the oil and gas industry in the near term and instead focus on legislation that can win broad support on things like education, the economy, transportation, immigration and health care – all issues a growing state like ours could greatly use help with.

Every president has a unique set of challenges. For Biden, those will include overcoming a pandemic and getting us back to strong economic growth and full employment even as we deal with a range of issues involving equality, poverty and opportunity. There are deep divisions to deal with, but the leadership model for effectively driving positive change already exists. It starts with hitting the notes Biden turned to on Saturday when he said he will now be president for every American, regardless of party preference. But it must continue with an approach to governing that will set national priorities with clear and compelling solutions and rallying others to specific policy prescriptions as opposed to pushing through extreme ideas on the strength of raw political power.

It's true that Joe Biden will arrive

in Washington facing pressure from within his party and from political opponents who would love to unseat him four years from now. But then the same was true for Barack Obama in 2008, and especially so after Republicans gained control of the House halfway through his first term and the Senate for the last two years of his presidency. It was also true for George W. Bush, who had to deal with an evenly split Senate upon taking office and then a Democratic Senate four months into his first term when Vermont's Jim Jeffords left the Republican Party and caucused with the Democrats. Bill Clinton had a Republican Congress (and an impeachment) to contend with during his last six years in office. George H.W. Bush had a Democratic Congress his entire presidency. And Ronald Reagan had to deal with a Democratic House for his entire time in Washington (though he had a GOP-controlled Senate for most of his presidency).

Politics is never easy, and it always seems to be one step away from devolving into raw partisan power plays. The difference comes when a president rises to the occasion and realizes that an election victory is an opportunity to lead, an opportunity to forge a national consensus and an opportunity to overcome division to make meaningful reforms that solve pressing national problems. Biden now will have that opportunity, and we should all hope that he takes it.

This editorial was first published in the Dallas Morning News.

LETTER

Remembering Veterans

On this Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2020, we extend our appreciation and thoughts to all Americans who are fighting the war against the coronavirus; and we also wish to acknowledge the veterans of the Jones and Moskowitz families who served during major wars from the Civil War to the War on Terror.

During the Civil War, First Sergeant John B. Jones (Elizabeth's grandfather) and Corporal William E. Jones (Elizabeth's great uncle) were in the 5th New York Cavalry Regiment from upstate New York within the period 1861 to 1865. They fought in many battles, including the Orange Court House, Brandy Station, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor and Gettysburg.

Donald's grandfather, Pvt. Max Moskowitz, served in the U.S. Cavalry (Roughriders) in 1898 during the Spanish American War.

During World War I Alton Christmas Jones (Elizabeth's father) and William Howard Jones (uncle) served in the USMC and saw action at Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, Aisne-Marne, and Meusse-Aronne. William Howard received the U.S. Silver Star and the French Croix De Guerre medals for his "action at Blanc Mont Ridge on Oct. 3, 1918, where he held off a German attack using a machine pistol."

Donald's father, Sidney Moskowitz, was a machinist who repaired ships at the Charlestown, MA Naval Shipyard during World War II. Elizabeth's cousin, Barney O'Neil, was a U.S. Army infantryman who landed in Normandy in June 1944. Bob Rosenblatt (Donald's relative) served in the Army at the end of World War II.

Barry Rowe (Donald's brother-in-law) was a Commander in the U.S. Navy who served during the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

John Jones and Edward Jones (Elizabeth's brothers) served in the late '50s and early-to-mid-'60s, John U.S. Army and Edward, USMC.

Donald Moskowitz was an E5 in the Navy in the '50s and then was a Vietnam era veteran in the 60s serving as a Navy officer on 13 ships. He continued his service to the country with almost 20 years in the American Legion, including positions as Post Commander, Department (State) Treasurer and Department Vice Commander. Robert Nichol (Elizabeth's cousin) was a platoon leader in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was in the 1st Infantry Division and the 101st Infantry Division. During his Vietnam service, he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Michael Gerard (Donald's and Elizabeth's son-in-law) was an Airman First Class, USAF in the early 80s. Jeffrey Ammons (Donald's nephew) served as an Army officer during the War on Terror.

Our families wish to pay tribute to the many millions of U.S. veterans who have served our country during the past 245 years.

Elizabeth (Jones) Moskowitz

Donald Moskowitz

Londonderry, New Hampshire



Tamping down the health-care hysteria

The Supreme Court stimulates America's most vibrant industry, which manufactures synthetic hysteria. The nomination to the court of Amy Coney Barrett occasioned high-decibel warnings that her confirmation would imperil the health care of Americans with preexisting medical conditions.

Actually, however, Tuesday's oral

arguments probably

will presage a ruling with negligible consequences for health care.

The Affordable

Care Act, aka

Obamacare, has

produced a buffet

of judicial con-

roversies about

how to construe

the Constitution and statutes. On

Tuesday, the ACA, the great white

whale pursued by Republican har-

pooners, will be in the court eight

years after its near-death experi-

ence there. The 10-year-old law

will again be the subject of oral

arguments concerning the original

mandate that individuals purchase

health insurance or pay a penalty

(the ACA's euphemism: "shared

responsibility payment").

In 2012, the court ruled 5 to 4

against a challenge to the ACA's

constitutionality. Critics pum-

meled the ACA with stalks of

broccoli, arguing that Congress'

enumerated power to "regulate"

interstate commerce does not

extend to requiring individuals to

engage in a particular commerce.

If it did, Congress could, under the

pretense of regulating commerce,

and as a public health measure,

require people to eat broccoli.

The federal government would

effectively have a general police

power, and an already much-attenuated doctrine – that Congress has

only constitutionally enumerated

powers – would vanish, and with it the possibility of constitutionally limited government.

The court correctly accepted the broccoli cohort's argument, but

Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., arguing that the court should "construe a statute to save it, if fairly possible," asserted something that Congress had not asserted: He said the penalty for not buying health insurance was an exercise not of Congress's enumerated power to regulate commerce but of the enumerated power to tax.

The penalty, Roberts said, had several aspects of a valid tax, the most important being "the essential feature of any tax: It produces at least some revenue for the government."

But in 2017, a Republican-controlled Congress used its tax-reform legislation to make the mandate's penalty – the "tax" – rate – zero. Republicans thought the ACA would then still require people to buy insurance (even if ignoring the requirement had no consequence), which the court in 2012 said it had no power to do.

If the court does not say, as it might, that the plaintiffs (primarily, more-or-less red states) have

no standing to sue – the harms

they say they have suffered seem

nugatory – it will consider two

other questions. Did Congress, by

removing the tax penalty, render

the mandate unconstitutional?

And does the entire ACA – in-

cluding protection of persons with

preexisting conditions – fall if the

mandate does?

A lower court answered both

questions "yes." The Supreme

Court probably will answer

both "no." Although the penalty

attached to the mandate is zero,

Congress can at any time increase

the tax rate, so the mandate is

not a nullity. And remember: The

court said in 2012 that if a law can

be construed in a way that saves it, it should be. So, even if the court were to say the mandate no longer is a tax and, hence, is unconstitutional, the court is apt to say this empty requirement-without-penalty can be severed from the rest of the law, which shall live.

The court has held that an entire law is invalidated only if a provision that is declared unconstitutional renders the rest of the law "incapable of functioning independently." Since the mandate was rendered toothless in 2017, the rate of health coverage has not varied significantly. And, as Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander, a senior Republican, has said: "I am not aware of a single senator who said they were voting to repeal Obamacare when they voted to eliminate the individual mandate penalty."

The ACA was unpopular when it passed, partly because a large majority of Americans had health insurance, and a large majority of that large majority liked what they had. During the subsequent decade of repeated Republican efforts to "repeal and replace" it, the act has become more popular, largely because of its provisions pertaining to preexisting health conditions. Because few members of Congress would dare to oppose such provisions, were the court to

Spartans hang on for 84-81 victory in men's basketball season opener

Manchester built as much as a 12-point lead in the first half against Adrian

By DILLON BENDER

One of the earliest collegiate basketball games in the United States featured the Manchester University Spartans and the Adrian College Bulldogs, as both teams kicked off their seasons on Saturday, Nov. 7.

After leading for a majority of Saturday's contest, the Spartans withstood a late Adrian surge to earn a hard-fought 84-81 victory.

Manchester built as much as a 12-point lead in the first half due in large part to its torrid shooting from the perimeter. The Spartans shot 57.6 percent (19-33) in the first half and made 12-of-21 three-point attempts (57.1 percent).

Back-to-back threes from senior CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Griffith High School, and freshman Jackson Jannsen, from Carmel, gave MU a 32-20 advantage with 8:35 remaining in the first period.

Jannsen and fellow freshman Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, paced the Black and Gold offense in the opening period. Jannsen poured in 23 points in the first 20 minutes, connecting on seven three-pointers, while Christlieb added 11 points and three three-pointers.

Adrian did a better job defending the three-point line in the second period, limiting the visiting Spartans to just 2-of-9 shooting from downtown.

A Tyler Wilburn, from Muncie and Delta High School, three-pointer gave the Spartans their largest lead of the afternoon of 13 points, 66-53, at the 13:37 mark of the second half.

Adrian would not go away in Saturday's opener, however. The Bulldogs steadily chipped away at Manchester's

advantage and got within a basket on several occasions down the stretch.

The Spartans went 6-8 from the free-throw line in clutch time to secure their first win of the new season.

Freshman Jackson Jannsen led all scorers with a game-high 29 points. Jackson played all 40 minutes and went 9-12 from the field and a blistering 8-11 from beyond the three-point arc.

Fellow freshman Brandon Christlieb dropped 21 points, six rebounds and five assists in his collegiate debut.

Senior Cortiz Buckner, from Lafayette, finished Saturday's contest with 14 points, six assists and five rebounds.

As a team, the Spartans finished 29-59 from the field, good for a 49.2 percent clip. MU also shot 46.7 percent (14-30) from downtown.

Adrian shot 48.5 percent (33-68) from the field on Saturday. Kendall Bellamy led four Bulldogs in double figures with 20 points.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director at Manchester University.

SCOREBOARD

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series
Season Finale 500
Sunday's Results
at Phoenix Raceway, Avondale
Lap length: 1.00 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

- (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 312 laps, 40 points
- (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 312, 35
- (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 312, 34
- (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 312, 33
- (5) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 312, 37
- (6) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 312, 43
- (7) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 312, 32
- (8) William Byron, Chevrolet, 312, 29
- (9) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 312, 27
- (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 312, 24
- (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 312, 31
- (12) Aric Almirola, Ford, 311, 24
- (13) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 311, 26
- (14) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 311, 22
- (15) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 311, 25
- (16) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 311, 20
- (17) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 311, 19
- (18) (19) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 311, 18
- (20) Chris Buescher, Ford, 311, 17
- (21) (22) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 311, 16
- (22) (23) Erik Jones, Toyota, 311, 15
- (23) Michael McDowell, Ford, 311, 14
- (24) (25) Ryan Newman, Ford, 311, 13
- (25) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 311, 12
- (26) (27) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 311, 11
- (27) (28) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 310, 10
- (28) (29) Cole Custer, Ford, 310, 9
- (29) (30) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 309, 8
- (30) (31) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 306, 0
- (31) (32) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 306, 6
- (32) (33) Joey Gase, Ford, 302, 0
- (33) (34) James Davison, Ford, 302, 4
- (34) (35) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 299, 3
- (35) (36) (37) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 296, 0
- (36) (37) (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 288, 0
- (37) (38) (39) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, garage, 261, 0
- (38) (39) Corey Lajoie, Ford, suspension, 215, 1
- (39) (40) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, handling, 149, 1

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 112.101 mph

Time of Race: 2 hours, 47 minutes, .0 seconds

Margin of Victory: 2.740 seconds

Caution Flags: 4 for 27 laps

Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 1-32; J.Logano 1-32; R.Blaney 33-37; C.Elliott 38-79; J.Logano 80-119; C.Elliott 120-138; J.Hanson 139-142; M.DiBenedetto 143; A.Almirola 144-150; C.Elliott 151-163; K.Busch 164-167; C.Elliott 168-172; B.Keselowski 173-182; C.Elliott 183-189; B.Keselowski 190-195; C.Elliott 196-260; R.Stenhouse 261; J.Logano 262-269; C.Elliott 270-273

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): C.Elliott, 7 times for 153 laps; J.Logano, 4 times for 125 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 16 laps; A.Almirola, 1 time for 7 laps; J.Hanson, 1 time for 4 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 4 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 1 lap; M.DiBenedetto, 1 time for 1 lap; R.Stenhouse, 1 time for 1 lap

Wins: K.Harvick, 9; D.Hamlin, 7; C.Elliott, 5; B.Keselowski, 4; J.Logano, 3; A.Bowman, 1; M.Truex, 1; K.Busch, 1; R.Blaney, 1; K.Busch, 1; A.Dillon, 1; W.Byron, 1; C.Custer, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 5040; 2. B.Keselowski, 5035; 3. J.Logano, 5034; 4. D.Hamlin, 5033; 5. K.Harvick, 2410; 6. A.Bowman, 2371; 7. M.Truex, 2341; 8. K.Busch, 2341; 9. R.Blaney, 2336; 10. K.Busch, 2287; 11. A.Dillon, 2277; 12. C.Bowyer, 2254; 13. M.DiBenedetto, 2249; 14. W.Byron, 2247; 15. A.Almirola, 2235; 16. C.Custer, 2202.

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 85, Army 54, Tulsa 47, Utah 33, Washington 21, Arizona St. 11, Purdue 8, Wake Forest 6, Boise St. 5, Appalachian St. 5, California 3, Maryland 3, Nevada 1.

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